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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF FRANKLIN,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1866.

CONCORD:

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The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

State, county, town and school taxes, 1865,.....	\$11,902.75
High School Tax, Dist. No. 3,.....	152.60
Dog Tax, 1865,.....	61.00
Outstanding Taxes, 1864,.....	300.00
Received for town bonds sold,.....	12,600.00
Received of Horace P. Eaton,.....	600.00
J. W. Johnson,.....	200.00
S. M. Westgate,.....	50.00
J. W. Richardson,.....	116.00
Lewis Judkins,.....	125.00
Henry A. Emerson,.....	100.00
John F. Leighton,.....	225.00
Meridian Lodge No. 60,.....	100.00
M. A. E. Sanborn,.....	100.00
B. F. Smith,.....	446.35
B. F. Smith,.....	500.00
Elizabeth B. Prescott,.....	250.00
Town of Hill for support John Cilley,.	1.50
Otis C. Hurlbut,.....	150.00
Balance State bounty,.....	600.00
Lydia J. Morrison,.....	100.00
S. O. Wheeler, circus,.....	30.00
O. B. Davis,.....	500.00
N. M. Proctor,.....	1,000.00
Stone & Roston, circus,.....	30.00
T. P. Whittier,.....	165.00
O. B. Davis,.....	500.00
J. L. Robinson,.....	400.00
Hiram Gordon,.....	1,190.00
Curtis Weeks,.....	1,000.00
Elijah Whittier,.....	800.00
G. H. Whitney,.....	825.00

Received of N. M. Proctor,.....	300.00
Fanny Clough,.....	50.00
Samuel Benson,.....	500.00
Mary Jane Sanborn,.....	150.00
State aid,.....	2,691.78
Literary fund,.....	48.50
Savings Bank tax,.....	104.22
Railroad tax,.....	1,774.48
Burial lot, Wm. H. Pope,.....	1.50
Hannibal Merrill for support E. E. Merrill,.....	60.00
Polly W. Eaton,.....	300.00
Merrimack county for paupers,.....	473.93
Hannah S. Drake,.....	100.00
H. N. Ingals,.....	77.57
Interest on bonds,.....	1.80
Use of town hall,.....	13.50
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	\$41,767.48

Which is accounted for as follows :

Outstanding Claims.

Paid John W. Simonds, damage by dogs,.....	\$37.40
Joseph M. Fellows, ".....	10.62
H. N. Ingals, ".....	5.31
John Pevere, ".....	10.62
John White, auditor,.....	2.00
Benj. S. Hancock, services 1864-5,.....	7.00
Geo. Morrison, ".....	7.00
E. C. Stone, ".....	7.00
Calvin T. Call, breaking roads,.....	15.10
Cyrus P. Batchelder,.....	2.65
Hiram Bennett,....	3.00
Daniel E. Hill,.....	25.00
Jacob G. French's estate,.....	37.00
Cogswell & Sturtevant,.....	50.00
McFarland & Jenks,.....	4.00
C. & E. C. Stone, county bill,.....	18.64
" " ".....	2.00
O. B. Davis,.....	9.25
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	\$253.59

Notes and Interest.

Paid V. Wadsworth,.....	\$364.00
W. P. Kinsman,.....	116.00
Nat Bean,.....	1,042.00
B. F. Smith,.....	946.35
B. F. Smith, indorsement on note,.....	200.00
Interest on bonds,.....	11.08
N. H. Savings Bank,.....	3,000.00
Interest on bonds,.....	35.00
B. F. Smith, indorsement on note,.....	30.00
Interest,.....	5.00
D. Gilchrist,.....	407.74
D. Gilchrist,.....	362.42
Interest on bonds,.....	15.00
W. P. Kelley,.....	104.68
Interest on bonds,.....	1.50
L. D. Davenport,.....	104.78
Interest on bonds,.....	6.00
Daniel Barnard,.....	101.50
H. W. Fairbanks, jr.,.....	101.50
Interest on bonds,.....	3.00
B. F. Smith, indorsement on note,.....	100.00
" balance on note,.....	171.65
Andover Christian Institute,.....	413.13
" " " 	279.34
" " " 	210.16
" " " 	104.21
" " " 	103.83
Interest coupons,.....	18.00
D. McClare,.....	52.60
Walter Aiken, indorsement on note.....	340.38
B. F. Smith, indorsement on note,.....	50.00
Geo. Morrison,.....	528.21
" " 	304.50
Asa Morrison,.....	101.50
Interest coupons,.....	6.00
Merrimack Lodge, No. 28,.....	304.50
Interest coupons,.....	4.50
A. F. Pike,.....	1,185.60
Interest coupons,.....	10.50
H. A. Emerson,.....	6.00
H. P. Eaton,.....	576.68
" " 	446.34

Paid Geo. E. Buel,	106.00
Interest coupon,25
Herrick Aiken,	240.00
Elizabeth Colby,	30.00
Noah M. Proctor,	1,481.75
Daniel M. Huse,	515.00
B. F. Smith,	406.79
Sarah E. Breed,	166.54
Elizabeth B. Prescott,	256.04
Betsey Simonds,	221.77
Marcus M. French,	70.30
Hiram Gordon,	1,191.01
F. N. Hancock,	43.03
John Sanborn,	25.00
Curtis Weeks,	1,060.00
T. P. Whittier,	120.00
John W. Richardson,	593.70
John Sanborn,	54.00
N. M. Proctor,	416.88
Walter Aiken,	954.55
Lester Collins,	24.86
F. H. Aiken,	106.30
W. F. Daniells,	106.30
Walter Burleigh,	30.00
J. W. Johnson,	72.00
Jonathan Leavitt,	90.00
Interest on bonds,	3.00
F. W. Eaton,	250.00
S. W. Burleigh,	54.00
E. A. Sweatt,	448.50
Interest,	156.00
S. W. Westgate,	30.00
Interest coupon,	24.20
Stephen Kenrick,	546.69
Thomas Leighton,	141.55
John M. Sanborn,	61.44
H. P. Eaton,	200.00
Simeon R. Brown,	656.56
Arethusa Smith,	344.00
A. G. Morrison, guardian,	217.72
Interest on bonds,	162.00
O. B. Davis,	1,031.66
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	\$25,001.57

Town Expenses.

Paid E. C. Eastman,.....	\$3.10
Daniel Kidder,.....	4.50
Cogswell & Sturtevant,.....	4.75
Insurance on bridge,.....	30.00
L. S. Leonard,.....	23.65
Walter Aiken,.....	36.25
French & Seavey,.....	35.37
Merrill Brothers,.....	28.62
McFarland & Jenks,.....	30.50
Geo. Morrison,.....	7.50
J. A. Clark,.....	2.60
E. C. Eastman,.....	2.74
Insurance assessment,.....	5.28
S. B. Kelley,.....	20.00
O. B. Davis,.....	4.50
James Morse,.....	3.00
Paid Express,.....	.95
Railroad expenses,.....	30.25
Postage and revenue stamps,.....	10.34
Stationery, &c.,.....	6.79
E. C. Stone, services as Selectman and Over- seer of the Poor,.....	195.00
services as treasurer,.....	50.00
McFarland & Jenks,.....	8.00
L. M. Knight,.....	20.00
J. H. Cilley,.....	17.74
O. B. Davis,.....	4.50
Stephen Kenrick, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,.....	70.00
John F. Leighton, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,.....	60.00
D. Barnard,.....	48.28
O. B. Davis, Collector,.....	174.24
John F. Dodge, town clerk,.....	25.00
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	\$963.45

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Rufus A. Manuel,.....	\$21.00
Geo. G. Wadsworth,.....	19.25
Geo. M. Hodgdon,.....	12.00
H. W. Rollins,.....	13.00

E. H. Boynton,.....	6.00
Theophilus Stevens,.....	16.00
John F. Leighton,.....	21.45
Wm. Holmes,.....	34.50
Valentine Sargent,.....	7.50
John F. Leighton,.....	2.00
David A. Gerrish,.....	5.00
Samuel Heath,.....	60.00
John F. Goss,.....	24.00
Franklin Falls Co.,.....	44.88
H. W. Brockway,.....	15.00
A. B. Closson,.....	9.00
W. W. Hancock,.....	1.75
John Collins,.....	15.45
Samuel Benson,.....	5.00
C. & E. C. Stone,.....	4.68
Francis Shaw,.....	12.90
David F. Cheney,.....	3.00
Levi Richardson,.....	27.14
Geo. L. Peabody,.....	.35
O. B. Davis,.....	2.44
J. G. Carlton,.....	.93
Clark Thompson, & Co.,.....	68.50
H. Fifield,.....	21.00
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	\$473.72

County Paupers.

Paid C. W. Brown,.....	40.50
Mary Kenniston,.....	1.50
Railroad,.....	2.05
Rhoda B. Holt,.....	5.00
Titus V. Wadsworth,.....	3.50
N. O. Burleigh,.....	48.00
C. & E. C. Stone,.....	158.83
J. Johnson,.....	3.76
D. Gilchrist & Co.,.....	65.50
Mrs. Woodcock,.....	10.00
Dr. S. B. Kelley,.....	19.00
Dr. L. M. Knight,.....	70.45
Hiram Colby,.....	38.25
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	\$466.34

External Poor.

Paid C. H. Bacon,.....	\$36.00
Mrs. Joseph P. Glines,.....	5.00
Josiah E. Colby,.....	5.00
Mrs. Homer J. Perley,.....	42.00
Mrs. Anna Y. Gove,	6.50
Titus V. Wadsworth,.....	6.15
C. & E. C. Stone,.....	58.53
S. W. Stone,....	2.50
J. H. Cilley,.....	5.00
D. Gilchrist & Co.,.....	4.10
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	\$170.78

Paid for support of transient paupers,..... \$33.00

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Judkins & Thurstin,..... 40.00

Town Farm.

Paid Clara Elkins,.....	\$35.30
George French 2d,.....	7.70
J. W. Clement & Son,.....	8.25
C. & E. C. Stone,.....	121.31
John H. Rowell,.....	55.08
Levi Richardson,.....	96.39
George L. Peabody,	4.60
O. B. Davis,.....	57.05
Philbrick & Baker,.....	13.00
John Shaw,.....	31.40
J. H. Cilley,.....	1.10
Thomas W. Call, services as Warden,.....	250.00
sundries,.....	41.90
D. Gilchrist & Co.,.....	144.29
L. D. Davenport,.....	5.62
A. P. Thompson,.....	.50
Fellows & Colby,.....	150.00
H. N. Ingalls,.....	42.77
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	\$1,066.26

Paid State tax 1865,..... \$4,747.50
 County tax 1865,..... 1,306.35

N. H. Asylum.

Paid for C. E. Elkins,.....	\$57.84
E. E. Merrill,.....	90.19

State Reform School.

Paid for John Rumsey,.....	\$44.15
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School Money.

Paid District No. 1,.....	\$176.05
2,.....	101.59
3,.....	531.78
4,.....	94.74
5,.....	124.16
6,.....	82.21
8,.....	84.92
9,.....	82.11
10,.....	520.76
11,.....	81.63
12,.....	58.22

\$1,938.17

High School tax, District No. 3,.....	150.00
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\$2,088.17*Superintending School Committee.*

Paid Wm. T. Savage,.....	\$42.30
J. W. Simonds,.....	12.50
Alexis Proctor,.....	5.00
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	\$59.80

Fire Department.

Paid McFarland & Jenks,.....	\$5.75
Railroad Express,	7.80
George L. Sanborn,.....	8.35
John Clark, hose for No. 3,.....	389.50
Horace Farnham,.....	16.00
J. W. Clement & Son,....	2.50
Cyrus Stevens,....	7.50
D. W. Long, and expense,.....	3.00
Engine men No. 1,.....	94.11
Engine men No. 3,.....	121.02
S. E. Bickford,.....	2.00

Paid Daniel Kidder,.....	5.25
Cyrus Stevens,.....	2.75
D. W. Long,.....	2.35
Samuel Benson, engine hose No. 3,.....	800.00
J. W. B. Clement,.....	4.50
Stark Mills, Engine No. 3,.....	400.00
J. B. Small,.....	1.75
J. H. Rowell,.....	25.75
J. F. Dodge,.....	11.23

\$1,911.11

Abatement taxes 1864,.....	\$23.90
1865,.....	176.21
dog tax 1865,.....	6.00

\$206.11

Outstanding taxes 1865,.....	\$500.00
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State Aid Paid to Volunteers' Families.

Paid Ann M. Sanborn,.....	\$52.80
Tracy Ash,.....	48.00
Eliza Kelley,.....	52.00
Katherine Flynn,.....	44.26
Martha J. Fortier,.....	32.80
Mary M. Keazer,.....	48.00
Juline Sargent,.....	28.00
Mahala Pettingill,.....	15.73
Jane M. Green,.....	56.80
Melissa Clifford,.....	76.00
Frank Bruce,.....	25.33
Ellen R. Putney,.....	25.33
Hannah H. Bruce,.....	101.20
Martha J. Stevens,.....	125.20
Hannah A. Stevens,.....	40.00
Sarah E. Breed,.....	46.00
Julia A. Pettingill,.....	24.00
Harriett A. Hunt,.....	72.00
Nancy P. Simonds,.....	16.00
Serepta Otis,.....	36.00
Maria Corliss,.....	24.00
Mary Kenneston,.....	47.20
Frances C. Pevere,.....	32.00
Mary J. Piper,.....	12.00

Paid Honora Griffin,.....	48.00
Eliza J. Brown,.....	20.00
Eliza A. Morrill,.....	52.00
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	\$1,200.65

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of receipts,..... \$41,767.48

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid Outstanding claims,.....	\$253.59
Notes and interest,.....	25,001.57
Town expenses,.....	963.45
Roads and bridges,.....	473.72
County paupers,.....	466.34
External poor,.....	170.78
Transient paupers,.....	33.00
Incidental expenses,.....	40.00
Town farm,.....	1,066.26
State tax,.....	4,747.50
County tax,.....	1,306.35
N. H. Asylum,.....	148.03
State Reform School,.....	44.15
School money,.....	1,938.17
High School tax No. 3,.....	150.00
Superintending School Committee,	59.80
Fire Department,.....	191.11
Abatement taxes 1864,.....	23.90
1865,	182.21
Outstanding taxes 1865,.....	500.00
State aid to volunteers' families,..	1,200.65
Cash in the treasury,.....	1,086.90
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	\$41,767.48

Assets Due the Town.

Outstanding taxes 1865,.....	\$500.00
Due for State aid,.....	710.65
Due from United States for assignments of bounty in 1863,.....	1,680.00
Lewis Lord note,.....	42.90
Cost due in Whittier case estimated,...	350.00
Due from town of Ossipee for support of Lucy Bolton,.....	48.00
Due from New Hampton for support of Nancy R. Wallace,.....	38.25

Due from Sanbornton for support of Mrs.

O. T. Rollins and family, 43.80

Due for support of E. E. Morrill, 30.19

\$3,443.79

Outstanding Notes 1862-3.

N. M. Proctor,	\$1,256.56	S. W. Bartlett,	60
R. G. Burleigh,	364.63	J. H. Rowell,	1,000
“ “	380.00	“ “	500
Pike & Barnard,	250	L. M. Davis,	200
E. G. Wallace,	150		
			<u>\$4,161.19</u>
Interest estimated,			800.00
			<u>\$4,961.19</u>

Outstanding Notes, 1863-4.

John P. Sanborn,	\$1,000	Hannah Ramsey,	275
“ “	200	L. A. Marsh,	100
Hannah Hancock,	230	C. Hancock,	144
F. W. Eaton, 625,		Edward Colby,	500
indorsed, 250,	375	J. Leavitt,	1,500
N. M. Proctor,	500	John Pevere,	450
F. F. Ladd,	260	A. Chase,	350
S. B. Kelley,	100	M. H. Gilman,	300
N. Davis,	100	S. W. Dearborn,	300
J. W. Richardson,	600		
			<u>\$7,684</u>
Interest estimated,			950
			<u>\$8,634</u>

Outstanding Notes 1864-5.

George Morrison,	\$100	Cynthia L. R. Hancock,	70
S. D. Morrison,	200	Theophilus Stevens,	150
Elizabeth Colby,	500	“ “	75
Samuel Judkins,	200	“ “	350
Hannah Ramsey,	300	Henry Burley,	400
E. G. Wallace,	100	Moses Fuller,	175
Simeon C. Brown,	400	N. M. Proctor,	550
Titus H. Wadsworth,	350	Polly W. Eaton,	300
Herrick Aiken,	4,000	A. F. Bailey,	200
Franklin Christian		Sarah Smith,	500
Society,	50	John Collins,	200

Lester Collins,	431	Lewis Judkins,	125
J. W. Johnson,	600	Henry A. Emerson,	100
Walter Burleigh,	500	Meridian Lodge No. 60,	100
I. S. B. West,	500	“ “ “	400
“ “	550	“ “ “	200
Wheeler Eaton,	1,000		

\$13,676
850

Interest estimated,

\$14,526

Outstanding Notes, 1865-6.

Horace P. Eaton, 600,		T. P. Whittier, 165, in-	
indorsed 200,	\$400	dorsed 120,	45
J. W. Johnson,	200	J. L. Robinson,	400
S. M. Westgate, 50, in-		Hiram Gordon,	1,190
dorsed 30,	20	Curtis Weeks,	1,000
J. W. Richardson,	116	Elijah Whittier,	800
John F. Leighton,	225	G. H. Whitney,	825
Meridian Lodge No. 60,	100	Fanny Clough,	50
M. A. E. Sanborn,	100	Samuel Benson,	500
Otis C. Hurlburt,	150	Mary Jane Sanborn,	150
Lydia J. Morrison,	100	Polly W. Eaton,	300
N. M. Proctor,	1,000	Hannah S. Drake,	100
N. M. Proctor,	300		

\$8,071
240

Interest estimated,

\$8,317

Town bonds sold, \$12,600.00
Interest on same not paid, 15.00

\$12,615.00

Total outstanding bonds, notes, and interest against
the town, \$49,053.19
Amount due the town, \$3,443.79
Cash in treasury, 1,086.90

\$4,530.69

Total indebtedness of the town March 1, 1866, \$44,522.50
All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. STONE, } *Selectmen*
STEPHEN KENRICK, } *of*
JOHN F. LEIGHTON, } *Franklin.*

The Auditor of Accounts for the town of Franklin, for the year ending March 1, 1866, has carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN S. JEWELL, *Auditor.*

Statement of Poor Farm 1865-6.

Sundry bills, including Warden's salary,	\$1,066.26	
Inventory of 1865,	1,103.45	
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Received for board county paupers,	\$121.75	
State and Harriett Ash,	19.73	
Inventory of 1866,	1,170.13	
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Expense of poor farm and repairs,		\$858.10
Of the above \$225.00 were expended for permanent repairs.		

Inmates of Alms House, 1865-6.

		No of			No. of
		Age.	weeks.		
Sally Clark,	69	39	Mary Ash,	6	52
John P. Clark,	69	52	John Ash,	5	52
Sally Marstin,	61	52	Ellen Flanders,	10	34
Anna Whitcher,	54	52	Laura Flanders,	3	1
Harriett Daniels,	41	33	Julia Palmer,	35	7
Ellen Daniels,	15	16	Henry Palmer,	3	7
Mary Daniels,	9	46	Ellen J. Palmer,	1	7
Hattie Daniels,	7	49	John Ray,	40	3
Perry Daniels,	5	52	Ruth Glines,	74	1
Allison V. Daniels,	3	33	Susanna Austin,	26	2
George Ash,	12	18	John Jones,	30	1
Frank Ash,	8	52			
Total number of weeks board,					661

REPORT OF SUP. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of Franklin submit their Report of the condition of the schools for the year closing March, 1866:

The special oversight of Districts Nos. 1, 2, 11 and 12 was committed to Mr. Savage; that of Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 to Mr. Simonds, and that of Nos. 8 and 9 to Mr. Proctor. The schools in the independent districts, Nos. 3 and 10 have been inspected by committees of their own, whose reports will be found incorporated, in their appropriate places in this Report.

The sum raised by direct tax the past year for the support of schools is \$1500. The appropriation from the joint avails of the Literary Fund and the Railroad Tax is \$449.51; in all, amounting to the sum of \$1949.51. In addition to this, District No. 3 has raised \$150 for High School purposes.

The whole number of scholars, four years of age and upward, attending the public schools two or more weeks the past year, is 514; 268 males and 246 females, with an average attendance of 321. We present a detailed account of the schools by districts, and for other particulars refer the town to the statistical table accompanying this Report.

DISTRICT NO. 1. The *Summer Term* of 14 weeks was kept by Miss SARAH E. ELLIOTT. Whole number of scholars, 36; average attendance, 28. The teacher remarks: "Parents and scholars seemed united in making my duties agreeable and the school profitable. The moral deportment of the scholars is praiseworthy. Finding them willing and anxious to improve I endeavored to impress them with a desire to seek knowledge *continually*. They will ever be remembered by me as respectful and obedient pupils. Death took from our circle a loved one. Anna Morrill was an affectionate pupil, and we sadly missed her smiling countenance." The government and instruction of this school were good, and the progress of the scholars commendable. Miss Elliott approved herself a competent and faithful teacher.

The *Winter Term* of 8 weeks was kept by Mr. WALTER F. AYERS. Number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 26. Early in the term there was developed among the scholars a somewhat general restlessness with occasional inattention to order. With the progress of the school this spirit seemed to increase, until at length, it interfered seriously with the studies and usefulness of the school. The teacher appeared to be con-

scientious and faithful in effort, but the display of greater energy was necessary to check rising evils and make the school a success. The committee take occasion to express their conviction that never, or, if ever, only under circumstances of extreme injustice, should parents withdraw their children from school on account of defects existing in it. For all purposes of remedying evils and promoting the common good there is a better way, as provided by law.

DISTRICT NO. 2. The *Summer Term* of 6 weeks was kept by Miss MARY C. STEVENS. Number of scholars, 16 ; average attendance, 13. This school was well taught and managed, and was profitable to the scholars.

The *Winter Term* of $6\frac{2}{3}$ weeks was kept by Mr. EDWARD ABBOTT. Whole number, 13 ; average attendance, $9\frac{1}{2}$. It was a good and profitable school. These were the *first* schools of these young teachers. By patient and faithful effort, and the benefits of experience, they will become valuable and useful instructors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT NO. 3.

As heretofore, the special supervisions of the Primary Department was assigned to Mr. Rowell ; the Intermediate Department to Messrs. Pike and Proctor, and the High School to Messrs. Gilchrist and Savage. They report as follows :

PRIMARY SCHOOL. Both terms were kept by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN. Length of *Summer Term*, 14 weeks ; of *Winter Term*, 12 weeks. Scholars in Summer, 63, with an average attendance of 39 ; in Winter 70, with an average attendance of 50.

During these terms, this school has realized in good degree the high expectations of the committee, and we have to repeat the very favorable estimate previously expressed of the efforts of its excellent teacher. She has won the love of the scholars, maintained good discipline and successfully advanced them in their studies. There is need of greater regularity of attendance in the scholars of this department.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. This department has been taught, both the Summer and Winter terms by Miss ANNIE M. OSGOOD. The number of scholars during the *Summer Term* was 38, and during the *Winter Term* 37, with an average attendance of 33 for each term.

At the time this school came under the discipline of Miss Osgood there was great irregularity in the attendance of the scholars. The instances of tardiness during a term were

reckoned by hundreds ; no one scholar was in full attendance and a large proportion were absent much of the time. In this most important particular there has been a marked and gratifying improvement. During the Winter term there were only 8 tardinesses, and none on the part of the girls, and during the Summer term there were 17 scholars who were not absent or tardy at all. Many more were only absent when ill at home. The committee have only to add their testimony to the success at large, and the excellence of the school during these terms. We accord to the teacher the meed of our cordial approbation.

HIGH SCHOOL. Two terms have been kept the past year under charge of Mr. CHARLES C. HALL.

Fall Term ; whole number of scholars, 33, with an average attendance of $27\frac{1}{2}$. Number in attendance from the District, 17.

Winter Term ; whole number of scholars, 41 ; average attendance, 35. Number in attendance from the District, 27, with an average of $22\frac{1}{2}$.

It gives the Committee great pleasure to report the energy, ability and success with which these terms have been conducted. Peculiar obstacles to full success exist in the diversity of mind and attainments in the school, and in the difficulty of classification, but Mr. Hall has addressed himself with zeal to the work of overcoming them ; has reduced the varying elements to order, and is laying the foundation of a good education in many pupils. By his ardor, patience and thoroughness, much has already been accomplished in awakening their minds and directing them in the right way. At the final examination the classes in the higher English branches and the classics appeared well, and the school at large seemed to have responded in good degree to the intelligence and spirit of their teacher. Still, there is room for improvement indefinitely, and the Committee ask for the continued and increased interest of parents and citizens in the success of the school. It is the only school among us for fitting our sons and daughters for the higher departments of business and social life, and it should have the warm regards of all interested in the well-fare of the community, and who have pride in the progress of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE,
DAVID GILCHRIST,
AUSTIN F. PIKE,
JOHN H. ROWELL,
NOAH M. PROCTOR,

Superintending Committee of District No. 3.

DISTRICT No. 4. *Summer Term*, 10 weeks; *Fall*, 12, with an average attendance of 17 and 11 respectively. Miss VINA A. COLLINS, teacher. This is the third consecutive year Miss Collins has had charge of this school. Her success this year was fully equal to her fine qualities as a teacher. The government and instruction were satisfactory. A really thorough and commendable progress was made.

The Town Farm is situated in No. 4. It appears after careful examination and inquiry that, for the past six years, the children supported at the expense of the town upon this farm, attending school, have constituted fully two-fifths the number of the scholars, and from their condition have required and received one half the time of the teacher. The Farm has only a part of the time paid the common school tax assessed upon all property. Even if the Farm paid its school tax regularly per annum, that sum would be only a small item towards defraying the expense of schooling so many children. These children need the advantages of the school more than those of the families in the district; hence, it seems to be an act of the plainest justice, that the town should pay No. 4 the same sum per head for the indigent children attending school there, that the District raises per head for the children actually dwelling in it.

The attention of the citizens and of the selectmen is invited to this subject for consideration and action the coming year.

DISTRICT No. 5. *Summer Term* of 7 weeks. Teacher, Miss HATTIE E. WEYMOUTH. This school, a few years since, was one of the largest in town, out of the villiage district. Now it is reduced to an average of 3 in summer and 11 in winter. Miss Weymouth faithfully performed her duties as teacher, and the scholars in attendance made good progress.

Winter Term. Mr. SILAS P. THOMPSON, teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks. In instructing this small school, Mr. Thompson freely devoted the worth of his experience and skill to the improvement of his scholars. The government of the school was judicious, the method of instruction thorough and exact. Kind feelings of sympathy existed between teacher and pupils. This was a very profitable term of school.

DISTRICT No. 6. *Summer Term* of 8 weeks with an average attendance of 22. Miss MYRA S. RANDALL, teacher. It was evident at the commencement that this would be a term requiring great labor on the part of the teacher. Miss Randall was fully equal to the position. She well understood her business. The teacher reduced the elements to order and system, and soon gained the confidence and kind feelings of her pupils.

In her instructions the teacher was thorough, awakening in her scholars and keeping alive a zeal and interest in their studies, by her plain and full explanations. This was a term of school of great value.

Winter Term. Miss ANNIE E. FARNUM, teacher. Length, 10 weeks. Average, 22. The teacher's literary qualifications were good. Her association with her pupils familiar and affectionate. At the close of the school the various classes showed, in their examination, that the labors of the term had been well rewarded in the progress made. Miss Farnum had an exercise daily in singing.

DISTRICT No. 7. There has been no school in this district the past year.

DISTRICT No. 8. *Summer Term.* Miss L. J. SARGENT, teacher. We consider this as a successful term in almost every particular. The closing examination was attended by many people of the district, and the various exercises were listened to with much interest and gave good evidence of faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and studiousness on the part of the scholars. The order was generally good. A little more *energy* in reciting would have added much to the otherwise good appearance of the school.

Length of term, 9 weeks; whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 16.

Winter Term. Miss JENNIE L. MORRISON, teacher. This was her first attempt at teaching, but she was very successful. The school gave promise at the commencement of a pleasant and profitable term, and we are glad to be able to say that our expectations were fully realized. The order was excellent at both of our visits, and it is not surprising under such circumstances that, in *all* branches taught, gratifying progress was made. Owing to a misunderstanding, in regard to the day set for the closing examination, we visited the school a week prior to its close, consequently no *reviews* had been made by the scholars in any of their studies. But they sustained themselves remarkably well under the somewhat rigid examination.

Among the scholars comprising this school are some bright minds, and, with the judicious management of the parents in future, it may rank among our *best* district schools.

Length of term, 9 weeks; whole number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 22.

DISTRICT No. 9. *Summer Term.* Miss J. L. WADLEIGH, teacher. The teacher maintained perfect order and was very successful and correct in imparting instruction. At the closing

examination not a scholar was disorderly or idle ; and, in almost every instance, prompt and correct answers were given to the numerous questions from the teacher and committee.

Miss W. was obliged to resign her charge of the school at the close of the summer term, on account of sickness ; and the *Winter Term* was under the care of MRS. REBECCA CROSS, who has had considerable experience as a teacher. A few of the scholars attending during the summer term having left to attend the school in District No. 8,—the school-house there being more convenient,—the school was smaller than during the summer term, and it was a matter of some difficulty to keep up a lively interest with so few scholars. We found but ten scholars at our first, and eight at our last visit. But notwithstanding the numbers were *few*, the exercises at the closing examination were creditable to both pupils and teacher.

Length of summer term, 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 12 ; length of winter term, 8 ; whole number of scholars, 12 ; average attendance, 10.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN DISTRICT NO. .

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. The *summer school* was divided into two terms of nine weeks each.

First Term. Whole number of scholars, 81 ; average attendance, 63.

Second Term. Whole number of scholars, 74 ; average attendance, 57.

Winter Term. Length of term, fourteen weeks ; whole number of scholars, 71, with an average attendance of 51.

This department has been under the instruction of Miss ELIZA H. MERRILL, during the three terms of the past year. The appearance of the school at each visit of the Committee has been remarkably good, and as heretofore, elicits our highest commendation. So large a school of small scholars, requires the exercise of great patience, tact, and uniform kindness. In this regard, Miss Merrill has satisfactorily discharged the perplexing and important duties of the school, and the order, respectful obedience and manifest improvement, reflect much credit on her as a teacher.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. The two *summer terms* of nine weeks each, were taught by Miss M. E. A. SANBORN. First term ; whole number of scholars, 53, with an average attendance of 44.

Second term ; whole number of scholars, 42, with an average attendance of 33.

This school made good progress under Miss Sanborn's charge, and the improvement on the part of the scholars was very creditable. The Committee was satisfied that she had labored diligently and successfully.

The *Winter Term*, of thirteen weeks, was taught by MR. SOLON F. HILL. The whole number of scholars, 54, with an average attendance of 44. The Committee visited this school at the commencement of the term, and again, two or three weeks later. There seemed to be a manifest want of interest in the school, especially among the larger scholars. How much zeal was subsequently infused, or what advancement was made in the school, the Committee are unable to say, as the term was prematurely closed, in consequence of the indisposition of the teacher, and they were thereby deprived the opportunity of visiting the school at its close.

The whole number of different scholars attending school more than two weeks during the year is, boys, 83; girls, 82; total, 165.

There are quite a large number of scholars in the district who have not been in attendance at all. In conclusion we would again urge upon parents, the importance of securing the punctual and constant attendance of their children at school. The lessons and habits acquired in early life make more lasting impressions than those of any subsequent period of life. How important that those early influences and habits should be of the right kind and imparted in the right way. Although much advancement has been made in the condition of our schools since they have been under their present organization, "the Somersworth Act," still much more may yet be done for their elevation and improvement. The success of our schools depend so much upon the character and ability of those employed as teachers, that too much care and attention cannot be given in making the selection. We would respectfully suggest to the district, if it would not increase the efficiency of the schools, to add the Prudential Committee to the board of Superintending Committee, or in some other way combine the two offices, so as to secure the hearty co-operation of both, in the selection of teachers and the general management of the schools.

N. H. SANBORN,	} <i>Superintending</i>
CHARLES. H. CLARK,	
ALEXIS PROCTOR,	
	} <i>School Committee,</i>
	} <i>District No. 10.</i>

DISTRICT No. 11. The *Summer Term* of 7 weeks was kept by Miss JOSIE L. WADLEIGH. Whole number, 14; average attendance, $12\frac{1}{2}$. This was a profitable term. The instruction was thorough and kindly imparted, and the government good, with beneficial results corresponding.

The same also is true of the *Winter Term*, kept by Miss MITTIE C. CLOUGH, an experienced and excellent teacher. This term was 6 weeks in length, with 13 scholars and an average of 11.

DISTRICT No. 12. This District is in union with a part of Northfield. The *Summer Term* of 10 weeks was kept by Miss A. AUGUSTA LOCKE; scholars 13, of whom 6 were from this town; average attendance, 9. The teacher remarks: "Thoroughness has been aimed at in all the recitations. Though it has been difficult to keep so few interested; some have applied themselves to their studies with commendable zeal. The conduct of the pupils is of the highest order. Their kind and respectful behavior towards each other and their teacher has won her esteem."

The *Winter Term* of 12 weeks was kept by Miss ADDIE J. GORRELL. Whole number, 15; 10 of whom are from this town; average attendance, 12. These terms were both well kept, and profitable, and have the commendation of the Committee.

In surveying the whole field that has now passed under review, it is apparent that the schools of the town during the past year, have been attended with a good degree of success. In this, all must rejoice. It was an admirable maxim of the early New England fathers, that, for the purposes of education, the State should be the foster parent of all the children dwelling under its sheltering power; and that none, however destitute, should be permitted to grow up without the means of becoming intelligent and virtuous citizens. This idea, essential to the support of the free institutions, they established, they proclaimed, and, first in the history of the world, practically organized, in the system of free schools which we have received from them. And it is impossible for us as a town, a component part of no mean State in the Republic of mind and letters, not to feel satisfaction in the steady, orderly and somewhat energetic operation of our public schools. Doubtless, there is great room for improvement in them. There is something more to be done, in the general organization of them. There is much more to be accomplished by public spirited citizens in supporting the detailed operations of them, in all parts of the town. For these are machines, composed of body and spirit, which *will not go alone*. Still, we



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have reason to rejoice that, amidst the agitations of the times, the burdens of war, the sweet relaxations of peace and the diverting enterprises of the day, this enlightening, training agency is so fully and satisfactorily enjoyed. It remains for us only to take courage and keep in the advance in the noble work, to perfect our High School arrangements for the whole town, hoping to catch up with the advanced views of our Fathers, on this point; to fraternize with every earnest worker in the cause and lend the schools all the support in our power. Then the cause among us cannot fail to prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE, } *Superintending*
J. W. SIMONDS, } *School*
ALLXIS PROCTOR, } *Committee.*

Franklin, March 6, 1866.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Prudential Committees.	No. of scholars in each District.	Apportionment to each District.	Apportionment to each scholar.	Whole amount of School Money for the year.
1.	Mr. Gordon Burley	42	\$176.05	\$4.19	
2.	Mr. Francis Shaw	21	101.59	4.23	Raised by the town, . . \$1500.00
3.	Mr. David Gilchrist	144	531.78	3.69	
4.	Mr. Jonathan L. Collins, .	19	94.74	4.99	Literary Fund and Rail-
5.	Mr. Calvin L. Cole	15	124.16	8.28	road Tax, appropri-
6.	Mr. Elmer French	31	82.21	2.42	ated to Schools, 449.51
7.	0	19.22		
8.	Mr. Benjamin S. Colby. .	28	84.92	3.03	Raised extra by District
9.	Mr. J. S. Wadleigh	17	82.11	4.83	No. 3, for Graded and
10.	Mr. George E. Cate	165	620.76	3.16	High Schools, 150.00
11.	Mr. Leonard Gerrish . . .	17	81.63	4.80	
12.	Mr. Jason Foss	9	58.22	6.47	
		514	\$1957.39	\$3.81	\$2099.51

BOOKS AUTHORIZED TO BE USED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FRANKLIN.

READING—Town and Holbrook's Progressive Series.

SPELLING—Town's Progressive Speller.

ARITHMETIC—Greenleaf's Series. In District No. 3—Colburn's Intellectual.

GEOGRAPHY—Cornell's Primary and Grammar School.

GRAMMAR—Weld and Quackenbos'; Parsing Book.

HISTORY—Goodrich's History of the United States.

PHYSIOLOGY—Cutter's.

ALGEBRA—Robinson's New Elementary.

GEOMETRY—Greenleaf's.